

Letter and enclosure from M. B. Logan to Alexander Graham Bell, September 21, 1909

M. B. LOGAN *Engineer A.M.I.E.E. Ingenieur Diplome* 99 Gloucester St., Toronto.
September 21st, 1909. Professor Alexander Graham Bell, Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck,
N.S. My Dear Sir.-

Re Aeronautical Society of Canada .

I thank you very much for your communication of the 11th instant, and in the name of this Society am very pleased to hear that you will co-operate in the movement of the formation of an Aeronautical Society of Canada.

A general meeting has not yet been called but before then I would like to know if you would be prepared to take an active part, e.g. some official position, or simply be an Honorary member. We would naturally prefer the former.

We are asking Lord Strathcona and Earl Grey to be Patrons of the Society and their answers, as far as they have gone, have been very satisfactory. However, if you are writing to them I would deem it a great favor if you would mention that you are interested in the subject.

I have the pleasure of enclosing you a circular outlining the aims of the Society.

I remain, Yours very sincerely, M. B. Logan. Secretary Pro-tem of THE AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

THE AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

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THERE was an informal meeting held on September 1st at the offices of Messrs. Fetherstonhaugh & Co., 10 King Street East, Toronto, to discuss the formation of an Aeronautical Society (to be called "The Aeronautical Society of Canada") for the purpose of giving a stronger impulse to the scientific study of aerial navigation and to promote intercourse among parties interested in aeronautics in Canada, and to aid with advice and instruction those studying the subject.

The foregoing is but an outline of the aim of the Society, but putting it more in detail, it is intended to make arrangements for the reading of papers and their discussion; to get up lectures, both popular and scientific, from time to time, and to issue, when possible, the proceedings of the Society in printed form; to form a library, from which, books may be borrowed by members; and, if possible, to arrange for the starting of an Aeronautical Journal, to be published in Canada, which will be the official organ of the Society.

It is without doubt an urgent necessity that a society of this description should be at once formed in Canada, as the time is not far distant when we shall see the "Car in the Air" a commercial reality.

It is therefore high time that Canada should not be lagging behind, but should put forward her best efforts to bring herself into line with all the great countries of the world. In the United States the Government has gone so far as to place a duty of 40 per cent. on all flying machines entering that country.

It is sincerely trusted that this circular will bear a rich harvest, therefore the Sub-Committee ask you to give your best support to this organization, and aid all you can in furthering its aims and increasing its membership.

A general meeting will shortly be called and we ask all those who have the smallest interest in Canada and things Canadian to send in their names so that the Secretary may

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communicate with them when arrangements have been made as to the time and place of this meeting.

Should you wish to become a member of this Society or should you have friends or acquaintances whom you think would be likely to join the Society, kindly send their names and addresses and forward all communications to M. B. Logan, Esq., Secretary pro tem., 99 Gloucester Street, Toronto.

FORM. *If you are interested in this subject and propose becoming a member, kindly fill in and send to M. B. Logan, Esq., Secretary pro tem., 99 Gloucester St., Toronto .*

Name

Address

Can you help the Society in the way of loaning of books, papers, etc., on Aeronautical subjects, lending of plates or lantern slides? Would you be prepared to give a paper or a lecture on some subject connected with Aeronautics, in fact can you help the Society in any way whatsoever? If so, kindly state here below:

Also kindly write here the names and addresses of friends whom you think will be interested in the subject of Aeronautics .